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Applicants : Mary E. Brunkow et al.
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Examiner : Margaret E. Jamroz, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1644
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated May 20, 2002, (Paper No. 9), reconsideration by the Examiner is requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 44 and 45 with the following re-written paragraph:

Antibodies which inhibit the binding of TGF-beta binding-protein to a TGF-beta family member may readily be prepared given the disclosure provided herein. Within the